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Greetings!

At Walter Scott, our programming and hosting are winding down for the calendar year as the snows begin to grace the ground. In November we have hosted two weekends of our friends from DeColores (year 41!), a workday, and a few more overnight guests. In December we'll host an annual family Christmas gathering to close out the year as we begin winter repair and maintenance projects along with administrative initiatives.

In the year ahead, we will continue our focus on living into our role as a 'learning center'. We will be creating and sharing educational content that centers our faith and Creation. From Genesis to Jesus and beyond, we'll center how we walk in the paths of God as a part and partner in Creation. This will continue to guide all the decisions we make in caring for this Holy Space. We are grateful each of you have joined us thus far on the journey, and we look forward to the paths we will walk ahead with one another.

Peace on the Journey,

Clayton Summers
Resident Minister and Caretaker

Core Camp Registration is Open!



Our 2025 age-based camp registrations are now open! For kids who have completed grades K-12, we are pleased to offer our core youth camps. All the information about the camps, their dates, the ages, the costs, registration links, and more can be found by clicking on the button below.

We also are excited to offer a new discount for "bringing a friend" to one of our three, week-long camps (CYF, Chi-Rho, and JYP). Campers who have attended Walter Scott in previous years can invite a friend or sibling who has not attended camp before to attend camp with them (both campers must attend the same week of camp). Both campers will have their registration costs reimbursed for a total attendance fee of \$300 (minus card processing fees if applicable). Reimbursements will be issued once both campers have registered and paid. Returning campers can invite multiple new campers, but will only receive this promotion once.

Now is a great time to start encouraging family and friends to consider an experience that will nurture faith and build relationships to last a lifetime.

Camp Registration Page

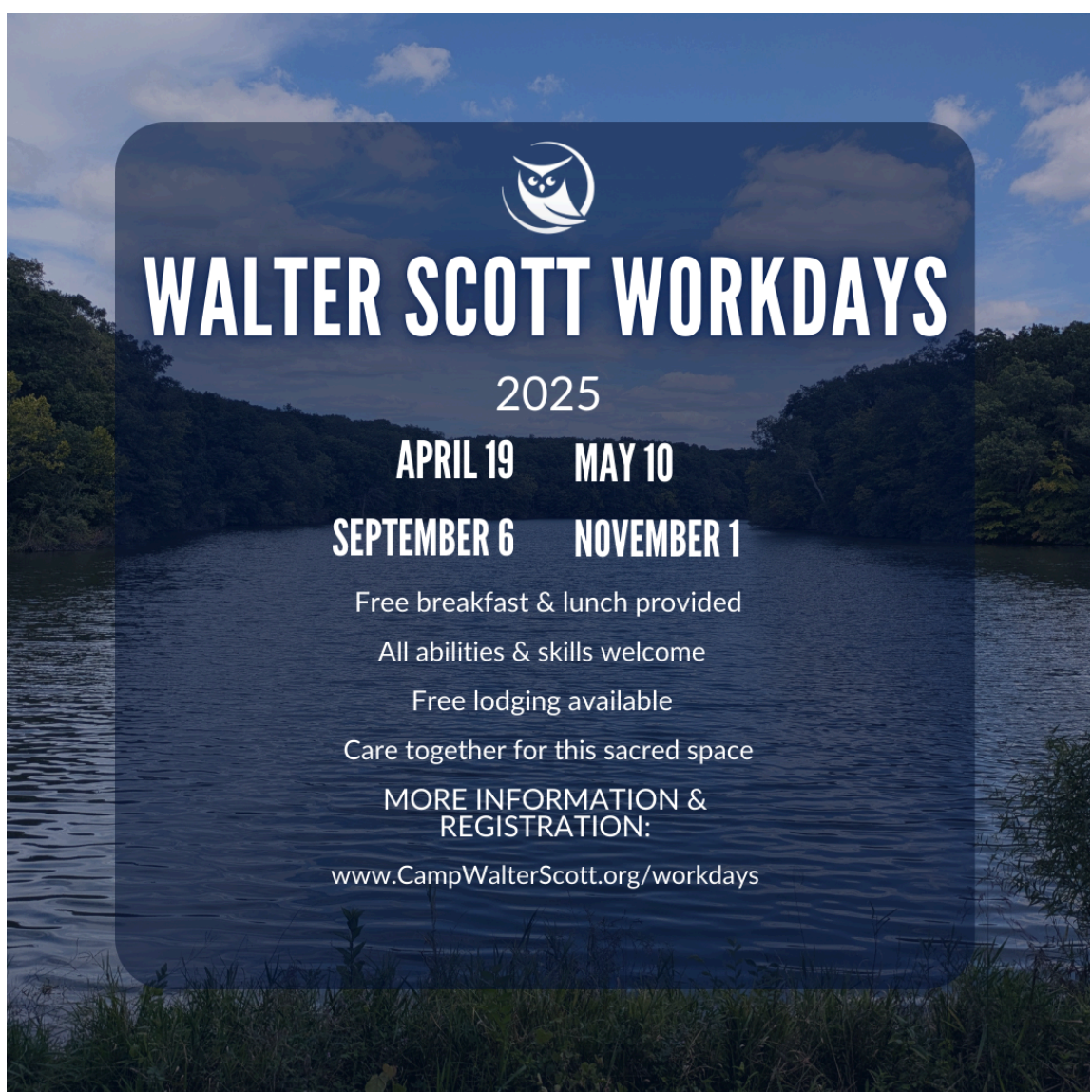
LGBTQ+ Youth Retreat Registration is Open!



The free LGBTQ+ Youth retreat presented by the Christian Churches in Illinois-Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and the Upper Midwest has registration open! Taking place August 1-4 at Walter Scott, it will be a weekend for youth who have completed grades 8-12 (along with an adult sponsor), a time for community building, support, and spirituality, a keynoter and workshops will affirm each person just as they are.

LGBTQ+ Registration Form

2025 Workdays

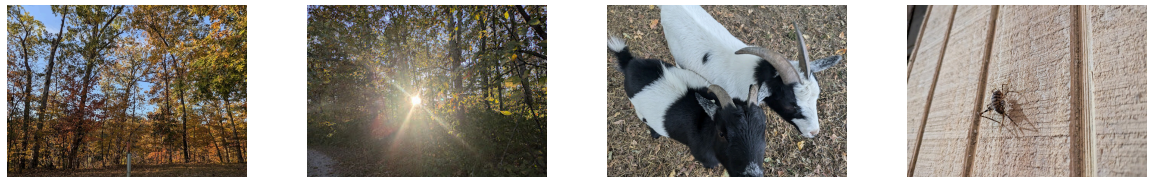


Walter Scott is the place it is because of the care we invest into it together. In 2024, we had nearly 5,000 volunteer hours at our facility across repair projects, youth camps, regular maintenance, serving on camp related boards and teams, new projects, and much much more. The ministry of this place, including the care of the facilities and land, happens because of this love given as time. We are incredibly blessed by everyone who has been a part of this place in 2024.

If you want to be part of caring for this place as it continues to serve the wider world, care for Creation, and demonstrate the love of Christ, one great way to do so is with our workdays or adopted projects in 2025! Workday signups are now available on our website as is our adopt-a-project list. Follow the link below to sign up or browse projects:

Workdays & Adopt-a-Project

Photo Gallery...Follow us on Instagram for more!



Caring for Creation



This next section is a recurring article about the theme of Creation Care. Each article is written by a different member of the Disciples diaspora who are linked to Walter Scott. The topics, views, and focuses will vary, but the connection with faith and practice will remain constant.

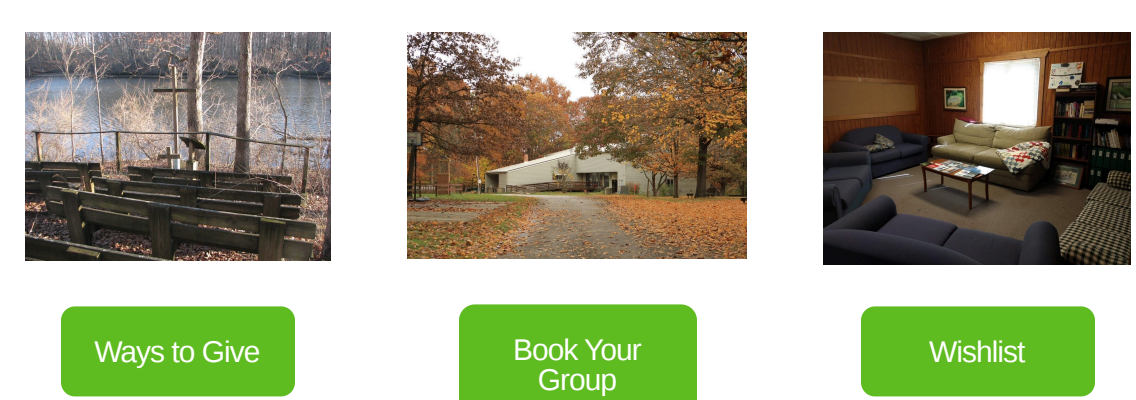
Lifestyle Shift & Relationship
By Rachel Churchman

I have always found peace and comfort in nature, whether it be walking through a forest, floating on a lake, or looking up at the night sky. I could be having the worst day ever, and yet a short walk through a local park would set my mind at ease. My mom taught me to appreciate this beautiful earth and every creature that comes with it. From a young age, we would take nature walks, visit local botanical gardens, and simply play outside. Having this exposure has given me the toolset I need to appreciate our planet. I also remember hearing the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" in church and being inspired to appreciate all of the earth, all things great and small.

Care for the earth cannot...

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Quick Creation Care Tip

Laundry detergent bottles can rarely be recycled due to staining from their contents and they take a lot of fuel to ship due to their weight. Switch to powder or laundry detergent sheets as an easy alternative that works just as well. As a bonus, their packaging is usually paperboard making them recyclable or compostable!

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Since you stuck around this long, enjoy the goats. And care gently for God's creation.

